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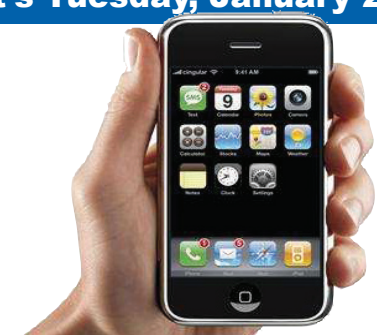
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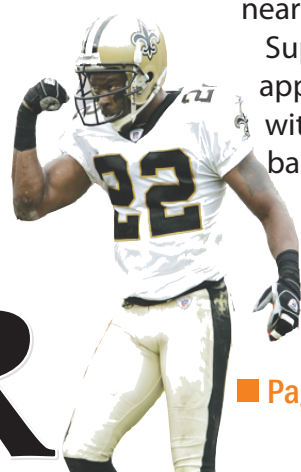
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Former Skyhawk new Giants GM *Reese becomes third African-American NFL manager*

Zane Gresback

A huge statement was made by the New York Giants by hiring UTM alum and former football player and coach, Jerry Reese, to be their general manager. The statement was that minorities are more than capable of holding front office positions if given the chance.

Over the years the NFL has been criticized for its lack of hiring minority coaches and front office personnel. Before Reese's hiring, there were only two African American general managers in NFL history. Ironically, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Reese and the Giants helped increase the number of high profile minority positions and became an example for other NFL organizations to follow.

Reese played football at UTM from 1981-84. The

Tiptonville native is considered one of the top defensive backs in school history. He was an undersized defender but hard hitter and was a two-time All-Gulf South Conference selection. He was named to the second team All-GSC Decade team for the 1980s as selected by administrators and representatives from across the league's region. He led the GSC in interceptions as a sophomore and was a two-time All-GSC selection. He is tied for fourth on the UTM list with 12 career interceptions.

Following his terrific playing career, Reese served as a student assistant and as a graduate assistant before becoming head secondary coach from 1988-1993. He became the assistant head coach in 1993. In 1994, Reese was hired by the Giants as a professional scout. He has been with the Giants organization ever since,



Jerry Reese, left, new New York Giants general manager, and head coach Tom Coughlin pose after a Giants press conference announcing Reese's hiring.

spending the last four years as Director of Player Personnel.

Reese was selected by owners John Mara and Jonathan Tisch to succeed Ernie Accorsi as the fran-

chise's general manager. He now carries the title of senior vice president and general manager. "I am thrilled to be part of rec-

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WALTER HARRIS / The Pacer

MTV reality series stars Syrus Yarbrough and Randy Barry, both from "The Real World" come to Martin Thursday to promote the Martin Place apartments.

'Real World' stars coming to Martin on apartment tour

Will York

Two stars from MTV's "Real World" reality TV series will be in Martin on Thursday as part of an eight-property tour promoting a local student-targeted apartment complex.

Syrus Yarbrough, from the 1997 series in Boston, and Randy Barry, from the 2004 series shot in San Diego, will mingle with UTM students from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Martin Place club house.

Last week, the reality stars were the focus of meet-and-greet events at Knoxville, Chattanooga and Bloomington, Ind. apartments owned by the Atlanta-based Place Properties, LP, and the two will stop at Murray Place in nearby Murray, Ky, Wednesday before coming to Martin on Thursday.

In Martin, the two will mingle informally with current Martin Place residents and potential lessees over free pizza and drinks.

Additionally, the property will conduct a contest to give away three free, all-inclusive spring break vacations, along with other door prizes, from events at the company's 40 properties.

Martin Place Property Manager Kim Parker said the intent of Yarbrough and Barry's visit is primarily to encourage residents to renew their leases, but also to attract new residents.

"I hope (the event) lives up to the hype," she said. "I think we'll have a great turnout and get renewals."

Additionally, the high-profile visitors could benefit more than Martin Place and could extend out to the city and university, Parker said.

"I think (high-profile visits) are something Martin needs to do more often. We have residents move in and say, 'I thought Martin was different, with more things to do.' Then they try to get out of their contract with us and

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WILL YORK / The Pacer

French Club goes young

Will York

When Dr. Lucia Flórido teaches French, her classroom is usually filled with 18-to-23-year-old college students.

But every other Thursday afternoon, an agglomeration of rambunctious 3-to-10-year-old children fills her oversized classroom seats for a half hour of conversational French exposure.

Announcing "Levez-vous" over a cacophony of the children's chatter, the children leapt from their chairs, until Flórido sat them down with a quiet "Assayez-vous."

She said UTM's French Club was the impetus to teach the children.

"We thought about what we could do as a club, and what we wanted to do instead of getting together to watch TV and eat was to do something useful," Flórido said.

While the French exposure program is not intended to teach students written French, Flórido said she hopes the biweekly lessons will help the young pupils learn cultural awareness and language contact.

"When you learn a language as a child, you don't think about (grammar) concepts," she said. "I don't want to introduce them to grammar.

We don't really have a curriculum. It's just to expose them."

Teaching them grammar wouldn't do much good, since many of the children aren't yet able to read.

Despite her contributions, Flórido is not the only teacher on hand to reign in the children's nearly unbridled enthusiasm. Every lesson, members of the French Club make hand motions while reciting French words.

Today, Max Laporte is teaching the undersized class parts of the body. He points to his eyes, slowly says "les oreilles" and asks the class to repeat. Some do, but some are content with running around the classroom.

However, Flórido says that's OK.

"The important thing is for them to have some exposure, and maybe realize someday they have another option rather than taking Spanish," she said. "It's important they have fun too."

After about a half hour of interactivity and French recitation, Flórido said she gets tired, and the children lose attention.

"My background is teaching college students who stay in their seats. I don't know what these kids eat, how they behave or anything."

As more and more children attend

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Energetic French pupils "touchent la tête de Danny" above, and Dr. Lucia Flórido asks a student's name in French at a biweekly French class.

Enrollment, applications come in higher yet again

Jenny Perry

As the high school graduates of 2003, the first class to get the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship, become seniors here at UTM, they now also face the chance of losing their scholarship due to too many hours, as well as other complexities of starting their last semester.

These students did not receive the scholarship their first year in college, but were grandfathered in the next year, meaning they were eligible to start receiving it the beginning of their sophomore year, whereas the class of 2004 got it immediately.

The classes they took their freshman year still count toward the 120 hours it takes to max out the scholarship. Students can retain their scholarship until they receive a baccalaureate degree, attempt 120 hours or have been

enrolled for the scholarship for five years.

The Tennessee State Legislature decided the rules a long time ago, but most students are not aware of them.

"The students need to voice concerns to the Legislature, if they want something done about this," says Susan Box, Administrative Services Assistant.

The current freshmen class is the largest class on campus to use the scholarship. "They are fresh on campus," said Sandra Neel, Director of Financial Aid. Most of the freshmen still meet the required 2.75 GPA until 24 attempted hours. It gets complicated when a GPA of 3.0 is required after 48, 72, and 96 hours. Students that lose their scholarship can renew it if they bring their GPA up to the standards.

The scholarship is also

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Tomorrow, expect mostly cloudy skies with a low of 27. Wednesday, partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures.

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JUSTBECAUSE

Over 1.4 million students were enrolled in a foreign language in fall 2002 for a 17.9% increase.

Source: The Modern Language Association



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Our View

Editorial: Burglaries, homicide should make students more careful

With the rare homicide that occurred in Martin during Christmas break, the string of apartments that were burgled and now an out-of-town group breaking into cars, we wonder if students need to be more careful or if tighter security measures should be implemented on campus and in town.

It seems to us that Martin is not as safe as it used to be. We know that all towns have an occasional spike in crime, but Martin has long been known for being relatively safe.

How can we now assure students that they and their possessions will stay safe?

And how will UTM market its safe campus, when obviously the campus and the community are not as safe as we once thought? What will UTM tell parents when they specifically ask about the recent homicide and burglaries?

Students can no longer

afford to live in a bubble where they think Martin is a guaranteed safe place. They also don't need to harbor a false sense of security, such as "It will never happen to me." I'm sure the people who recently had their possessions stolen

**Students
should use a
little common
sense and
follow a few
safety rules**

were snapped out of their security bubbles real fast.

Students should follow such common-sense rules as locking their vehicle and residence doors, putting valuables in the trunk or in a lock box and constantly watching their surroundings, especially at night.

However, any of us can do only so much before other people need to step in, like the police. If the authorities know that certain areas are showing a surge in crime, shouldn't they make it a point to patrol those areas more frequently?

We think so, just as we think that if we all do our part, we have a better chance of staying safe.

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Don't follow set path; make your own sidewalk

It's the start of a new semester and everywhere you look, experienced seniors are navigating the campus like seasoned pros, juniors just wanting to get from one class to another, sophomores with a knack for campus maneuverability but still unsure and the hopelessly lost freshmen with that look of "I want to ask but I'm not a geek." Life on UTM is back in full swing and I have to say, it's good to be back!

As usual, something has caught my attention and I feel the need to write about it. Wrapped in this narrative is a meaning, and I hope that it will go without needing much explanation.

Wednesday morning, I walked from my apartment near Dominos to school. Crossing the street from the once gas station, I headed up the knoll there without the aid of the concrete steps. I continued across the grass until I found the sidewalk where I contin-



Christian Ashlar
Staff Columnist

ued to the small drainpipe just outside of the Business building. Then, as I was headed toward Humanities, I did the unthinkable. I abandoned the sidewalk completely and walked through the grass!

Now, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "How could you BE such a rebel?" or perhaps you're thinking, "Where is he going with this?" Either way, I have to explain the point behind this.

As I made my way to class, I received some stares and even a slight point from an obvious Freshman. I wondered if maybe my stylish orange sweater didn't match my equally stylish dark-tan khakis or if I'd left off an ear this morning. Then, as I crossed the

sidewalk to follow its curve toward the front of the building, the reason for these stares occurred to me.

It was the sidewalk, or rather, it was the lack of sidewalk. I hadn't been following the prescribed path for me and this was getting some very odd reactions. And here, the point looms!

When we first enroll in the university system, we may see our lives as a "sidewalk", prescribed by a teacher, parent, guardian or some authority figure. As we progress through our college career, we may even fear straying from that path just as I strayed from the sidewalk.

The reason we fear straying is as unique as fingerprints to all of us. Some fear disappointment from said parent, guardian, etc. Some fear the sense of being "lost" and some need the structure this predetermined path provides.

Whatever the reason, I

hope you realize that the moment you signed your admission papers, you became the determiner of your own path. From the time you went from the admissions office to the UC to the Library to the Elam Center and back to admissions just to get something signed by a gazillion people, you became the architect of your own "sidewalk." You can decide from this point what direction your life will take and where that "sidewalk" will lead you.

Don't be afraid to stray from that sidewalk if you come to a point where it no longer serves your purpose. After all, sidewalks don't have guardrails or a fence along them for a reason. They are merely suggestions of where you should walk and not predetermined demands.

Enjoy your college experience everyone. You are on the path; just make certain it takes you to a place that makes you happy.

Students think they get what they pay for

If the University of Tennessee suddenly sent out an announcement that they were cutting tuition in half, would you feel as though the education you were getting wasn't as good as other colleges who charged more?

According to many universities across the nation, the answer is a resounding yes.

Many colleges are increasing their tuition to match colleges that they consider their rivals, while at the same time providing more financial aid.

Evidently, prospective students and their parents believe in the old adage "You get what you pay for." Universities have recognized that people associate price with quality, and that by raising tuition and accompanying that

with discounts, they can lure more applicants and increase revenue. At the same time they're helping to create an academic system that sees prices rising faster than inflation.

Some college officials say that they're offering an education costing tens of thousands more than the college's retail price.

Some universities offer the latest and greatest in amenities that are sought by students. Everything from large and lavish dorms and apartments to state-of-the-art fitness centers to coffee bars. If students want it, the universities will supply it. All for a price, of course.

If you thought that colleges only raised tuition because of a genuine need, think again. Many are keeping up with the Joneses.

Finance committees meet



Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

and go over charts of tuition and room and board rates at comparable colleges.

Some freely admit to the practice. The president of Notre Dame, the Rev. John I. Jenkins, admits to "setting it by our competitors."

At the same time, colleges have been increasing financial aid they offer to students as well as other "perks" such as more hands-on experience outside the classroom.

Admittedly, all of that sounds really nice. It would be great if UTM were able to have some sort of a local establishment, such as a hotel, where students could work in their own fields and run the business. No more searching all over the country for internships. Students majoring in marketing, public relations and accounting could gain experience while under the watchful eye of the university.

That's probably just wishful thinking on my part. Still, it would be a valid reason to raise tuition instead of "everyone else is doing it, so why shouldn't we?"

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Martin Luther King Jr. remembered

Jason Jackson
Staff Photographer

On Jan. 16 in UC room 206, the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta and the UTM Office of Minority Affairs sponsored the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance memorial. The room filled almost immediately and more chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the growing crowd.

Chantal Scott, sorority president, started the services with a short welcome and introduction of the guest speaker and other participants.

Silence fell over the audience as the lights dimmed and Dr. Henry Parker started his speech "How to keep Dr. King's dream alive."

Dr. King had many great ideas for reform in this country. Greatest of all was his dream of America as one nation in which one is judged by the content of his/her character, not the color of skin. This led him to his greatest achievement in uniting black people.

Parker said, "Only Jesus and Dr. King could do this."

Parker pointed out that UTM has a higher quantity of minority students than much larger schools, such



JASON JACKSON / The Pacer

Several UTM students and faculty poured into the UC last Monday to remember one of Black History's greatest leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

as UCLA and its 36,146 students. UTM has about 800 minority students and UCLA only has about 300.

"You don't know how much power you have right here in Martin," Parker said. He continued by saying that the best and easiest way to keep Dr. King's dream alive is to unite all of the students and student organizations.

Parker ended by leaving the audience with the chal-

lenge to "Unite, fight for justice, and make UTM a model for black harmony."

After Parker finished his speech, Rev. Russell Morrow (Founder and CEO of New Generation Ministries) spoke briefly, charging everyone to continue working to help make a difference in keeping King's dream alive before lighting his candle and starting the ceremony.

After everyone had their

candle lit, Morrow quoted one of his favorite mottos, "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Morrow explained that no one can wait for something to happen; you have to make them happen.

The crowd, standing proudly with their lit candles, joined in and everyone chanted the proverb remembering one of our country's greatest civil rights leaders.

Spring semester offers new German literature course

Class shifts interest from busy work to productive class discussion

Ekaterina Marchenko
Staff Writer

A new German literature course is being offered this spring semester.

This new course titled "Crime and the Criminal" explores the dark world of criminal behavior that has emerged in different societies many times throughout history.

Professor Charles Hammond, the only German language professor at UTM, has decided to take a different "thematic" approach to teaching the masterpieces of German literature.

"People have an impression of great work being a very boring thing, presented in such a boring way," says Hammond. "When students understand the subject matter, it is certainly going to catch their interest."

Hammond noted that such an active reading of German literature is a great way to get acquainted with German culture and history. Hammond has been offering specific theme-concentrated courses of German literature for the last three years starting with Spring 2005 course on Fascism, then Spring 2006 course on Sexual Identity. He tends to follow and base his topic choice on the current events in everyday society.

Choosing course coverage by a particular theme instead of concentrating on worn-out masterpieces, Hammond considers an effective way of gaining a greater interest from students.

"I could shift interest from busy work to productive class discussion," said Hammond.

Hammond never encounters any difficulties in picking up a topic for the course. The main thing is the issue has to contain some sort of controversy in order to spice up the class



Hammond

discussions by encouraging a multitude of various opinions.

Hammond, who has recently earned his Ph.D. in German literature, is working on one of his biggest projects: establishing a German major at UTM.

"We are on our way. University of Braunschweig is a big help," he said.

University of Braunschweig in Germany has a 10-day travel study program which allows American students to experience German culture by studying abroad while living with a host family. Student exchange programs encourage plenty of cultural interactions between students. Hammond noted that live interaction is a far more effective method of studying languages and cultures. It is more enjoyable, and therefore provides a much more memorable experience.

"I am always happy when students grow beyond my control," said Hammond.

Every student is encouraged to get involved and choose German for their minor; however, with the current growing student interest and more German minors, the German program is in need for another professor. Hammond is working diligently to meet each student's needs, and he hopes that the German program will continue to flourish and grow into a major at UTM.

For more information on a German program on campus, check out Hammond's home page at www.utm.edu/german.

Public Safety investigation leads to arrests

Heather Roland
News Editor

The winter break brought forth an excessive amount of burglaries into the Martin area, and it has not ended even though students are back on campus.

On the morning of Sunday, Jan. 14, two students awoke on campus to find that they were a victim of burglary.

They reported to the Department of Public Safety that someone had entered their vehicles that were parked in University Courts on the previous night and took a variety of items, including a stereo system, radar detector and money.

Following a nearly week-long investigation by Lt. Darryl Simmons, Randall Conquest, 22, and Tiffany Steele, 21, both of Carroll County, were arrested by Public Safety for the burglaries. Conquest was charged with two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle, and Steele was charged with two counts of criminal responsibility.

It is alleged that the couple came on campus Saturday night. Conquest is suspected of burglarizing the vehicle, while Steele served as a lookout.

"The couple walked around the parking lot looking for unlocked cars, just like most criminals in our area, who are looking for opportunity," said Scott Robbins, UTM Director of Public Safety.

The couple has made bond and their arraignment hearing was held on Monday in Weakley County General Sessions Court. As of press time, it is unknown when their preliminary hearing will be held; however, Robbins anticipated that it would occur in approximately two or three weeks.

Luckily for these victims of burglary, all of the stolen items were recovered, which is not the case for many. Robbins said that of all burglary crimes, approximately 50 percent of the stolen items are ever recovered. He continued to say that sometimes the stolen items have already

been sold to other people. Robbins said that the majority of stolen items include money, stereos and other electronic equipment.

The difficulty of catching thieves varies from incident to incident. In some cases, catching the perpetrator can be extremely difficult, leading to long investigations that do not always get solved. On the other hand, Robbins said that sometimes Public Safety lucks out and can easily find them. He said that it is always easier to find the perpetrator when you have a good witness that can recall details from the crime. This case was one of the easier ones, in part because the victim knew the serial number of the stereo system.

"I would encourage everyone to take a few minutes, here at the start of the semester, and write down the serial numbers of items that they have and keep the list in a safe place," said Robbins.

Robbins also thinks that this case was solved due to

an excellent investigation led by Simmons.

"Lieutenant Simmons did an outstanding job investigating this case.

There has been a numerous amount of burglaries in the Martin area, and there are a few simple ways to prevent you from becoming a victim.

"Locking your doors [apartment, dorm, car, locker, etc.] will greatly decrease your chances of becoming a victim of theft," said Robbins.

Robbins also said that students should hide expensive items that are in plain view. He continued to say that most criminals in the Martin area are criminals of opportunity; however, there have been some who would break windows and doors to get what they want.

Although the amount of burglaries has been excessive, hopefully they will begin to taper off soon.

"I think they [burglaries] will decrease, but I still caution students to be aware of burglaries," Robbins said.

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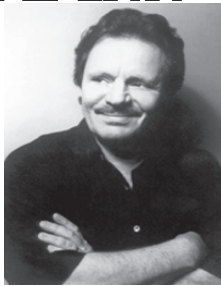
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Food industry slims down

Holly Perry
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The food industry in Martin got a bit slimmer after last week.

Kentucky Fried Chicken closed its doors permanently, and Subway was forced to close indefinitely.

KFC was shut down after not meeting the franchise's standards, according to Karami Hagan, the city's Community Development Director.

"The people that owned the franchise in Martin... would not update the store. It is in their franchise agreement that they must make these changes, and the franchise has very strict guidelines. The owners didn't want to do that. Therefore, they [Kentucky Fried Chicken] stripped them of their franchise."

There are no plans for anything to occupy the building as of right now, Hagan said.

On Jan. 9, Sue C. Everett of Dresden was parking in front of Subway when she accidentally applied pressure to the accelerator instead of the brake. Everett struck the building on the western side, causing more than \$400 worth of damages to the restaurant. Everett was not injured in



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Two of Martin's fast food chains received bad news last week, as KFC closed its doors and Subway received substantial damage to its facility.

the wreck.

Subway will be closed until further notice.

As for other restaurants coming to Martin, Hagan said that was a matter she was looking into.

"One of the biggest issues with bringing in restaurants is that they are franchises, and that makes it extremely expensive. Nobody wants to do that here. We're trying, and we've had a lot of interest. No plans as of right now, though," said Hagan.

Students living in Martin are hoping for restaurant

growth in the area.

Jackie Ervin, a freshman Pre-Veterinarian major, said, "I think there's a shortage of restaurants in Martin. We need something like a T.G.I. Friday's or Red Lobster. Or with people up late studying, we could use a 24-hour place. That would be so great."

"We need more restaurants to appeal to college-age students. You know, a place that would give people something to eat and do at the same time," said Brad Davis, a senior Business Management major.

Money not always burning in college student's pocket

Five helpful hints to save money while at UTM

Thomas Fulcher
Staff Writer

Being in college isn't always easy when it comes to managing your finances.

In fact, the majority of students live on a low income and sometimes even struggle to get by. School is full of expenses, including tuition, bills, books, and entertainment. Therefore, it gets hard to make a dollar go a long way most of a student's college life.

Help could be on the way for students, if they learn how to manage their money. Here are a few helpful hints that may allow you to live a little bit better.

First, figure out where your money goes. Organize your receipts and keep track of what you spend your money on. It's easy to swipe that debit card and forget about it so write it down. You may be surprised at how quickly those small purchases add up.

If possible, do not use credit cards. As a college student, it is very easy to obtain as many credit cards as you want and even easier to rack up more charges than you can afford to pay off in a month. It's okay to

have a credit card, but use restraint and remember it's only for emergencies, not McDonald's.

You spend a lot of money on textbooks every semester, and there are a few easy ways to dramatically cut your costs. If possible find a friend and share a book, or if you know someone who is in a class you're taking next semester, offer them what the bookstore is paying for the returned book. If these don't work use the ISBN number and look for the book on Web sites like amazon.com and half.com. These are usually cheaper to buy from even after shipping costs. If all else fails, a previous edition of the book will usually get you through the class.

You have to eat, but you don't have to eat out all the time. It's easy to get in the habit of going out to eat, but you can save so much by making something at home. Go grocery shopping and compare prices. Many times the store brand products will save you a lot of money and usually they're just as good as their pricey counterparts. Also pick up a newspaper and look for coupons. Don't let them

dictate your purchases, but if you're already buying it, why not pay less?

We all go out to eat sometimes, but there's no need to break the bank when you do. If you don't like water, learn to. Just by ordering water instead of your favorite soda you save at least a dollar, usually more. There is nothing wrong with eating as much free chips and salsa as you can. Restaurants that offer free appetizers usually don't mind bringing out more when you finish the first round, so go ahead and ask for more. Most importantly, don't order drinks at restaurants. More often than not the mark up on alcohol at a restaurant is a lot. Save your money and if you do drink, buy it elsewhere.

There are a million other ways to save money, and these are just a few of the ways that can actually work for you. Put them to good use and put some extra cash back in your pocket.

For more ways to help you as a college student save money, go to <http://www.scholarships-ar-us.org/student-living/save-money.htm>.

E-refund system booms this semester, average student receives over \$2,000

Thomas Fulcher
Staff Writer

As the spring semester starts up and students start back paying the bills again, many of us are depending on those refund checks from the university. You will all be pleased to know there is an easy e-refund system set up to cut down on the time you spend driving to the school and the bank and waiting in those lines.

The e-refund system started up in Spring 2006 with only 30 electronic funds being processed. In the fall, there were 739 refunds given out through it; and so far this semester there have been over 950 transactions using the system, accounting for about 40 percent of the total dollar amount refunded.

It's not hard to see that the popularity of e-refunds

is becoming more and more popular.

"The e-refund system saves students and staff time and money," says Marsha Mitchell, bursar in the Office of Business Affairs. When asked how the system is working she said it is "working very well. We are pleased with the results and have not had any problems. Many students are enjoying the convenience of the e-refund system, and the lines of students waiting to pick up refund checks have been reduced."

The average student will receive approximately \$2,200 on their refund this semester; this is up a hundred from the fall semester. It is estimated that a total of \$7 million in refunds will be given back this spring. Imagine how much trouble handing out that many checks would be.

"Staff who usually serve students picking up refund checks are free to help students in other ways," says Mitchell.

With the new system in place, all students have to do is log onto Banner and sign up for the e-Refunds account by entering their banking information and checking the refund box. Then the student is set up for all their future refunds to be directly deposited as well, which is a major cut down on all the hassle students had to go through in the past.

Both the new and the old way take about the same amount of time to process. The big difference is that you do not have to spend your day running around moving money into your account.

With the new e-refund system, it is all done for you quickly and easily.



Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

**12:15 a.m., January 16
Ellington**

Subject reported theft of their bicycle (investigation continues).

Welfare check on a subject returning for classes.

**9:06 a.m., January 19
Lot 1**

**3:03 p.m., January 17
Grove Apartments**

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

Officers assisted Sheriff's Department in serving a warrant.

**5:45 p.m., January 21
Cooper**

**3:44 p.m., January 18
Lee St.**

Mr. Louis A. Cole was arrested for warrants through Weakley County.

Subject reported theft from their vehicle (investigation continues).

**9:01 p.m., January 21
Moody St.**

**9:41 p.m., January 18
Elam Center**

Mr. Kenneth Fouse was issued a citation for a stop sign violation.



Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? *Pacer* meetings are every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 316. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

UTM Recycling Group

A new student group is forming to help promote recycling and environmental issues on the campus of UTM. The group is meeting every Wednesday at 12:15 in the back room of the UC (room 125). For more information, send an e-mail to utm.recycling@gmail.com.

Open Forum Bible Study

Come study with us at the Spring Forum, as we explore this semester's topic: The Gospel of Salvation & The Power of Christ. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in UC 209. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

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Alternative Spring Break

Are you looking to do something different this Spring Break? The Interfaith Student Center will host a free meal and orientation meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25th at 6 pm. for all UTM students who might be interested in helping to rebuild homes on the Gulf Coast over Spring Break. Interfaith is located at 312 Lovelace Ave. on the east side of campus, two doors in front of Bradley Books toward University Street. You may call 587-2603 for more information.

Donate Blood

Drop everything and donate blood this Valentine's. Lifeline Blood Services will be at UTM on Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. All donors receive a pair of boxers or a t-shirt!

Starving Artist Exhibit

Adam McCammon presents a starving artist exhibit at the Martin Public Library from February 1 through February 28.

Paper Rock Scissors Tournament

It's not just child's play anymore... a Paper Rock Scissors tournament will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24 in the UC game room. Cash prizes will be given.

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting

Sigma Tau Delta will have a meeting from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in the English Lounge.

Campus Crossfire

A Campus Crossfire will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26 in UC 111. The topic will be on U.S. Foreign Policy. Come debate the

draft, the Senate, Darfur, terrorism, farm subsidies, isolationism and U.S.-sponsored prison camps.

Math Colloquium

There will be a Math Colloquium at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29 in HU 408. Sarah Holliday will be giving a series of talks on Graph Theory Part 1: Domination in Graphs.

Game Night

Sigma Tau Delta is hosting a game night (Scrabble, word games, etc.) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 30 in UC 230 A&B.

Sigma Alpha RUSH

Sigma Alpha is a professional agricultural sorority that promotes scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship among its members. Sigma Alpha is for any female majoring in agriculture, or who is interested in

agriculture. RUSH will be held Jan. 29-31 in Brehm Hall at 6 p.m. Applications are available is Mrs. Janet's office in Brehm Hall. If you have any questions about Sigma Alpha or RUSH, please contact Becky Dykes by e-mail at becsdyke@utm.edu or by phone at 694-4284.

Intramural Basketball

UTM Intramural Basketball will be starting soon. Sign-up deadline is Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. There will be Captain's and Free Agent's meetings at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24. Official's training will be at 5 p.m. on Jan. 22 and 23. The cost for this event is \$55. It is located in the Elam Center. For more information, call 881-7745. Everyone is encouraged to come out and have fun at this campus recreational event.

The 2007 awards season is kicking into high gear

Holly Perry
Editorial Assistant

With a new year just beginning, remembering the past year in movies will be just a click away with awards shows dotting the calendar all spring.

The Golden Globe Awards took place on Jan. 15. The awards are presented by The Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

The popular “Grey’s Anatomy” received “Best Television Series as a Drama.” Though Leonardo DiCaprio received two nominations for “Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture for a Drama,” the award went to Forest Whitaker for *The Last King of Scotland*. Critically acclaimed *Dreamgirls* swept the category of “Best Motion Picture for a Musical or Comedy,” and Meryl Streep received “Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture” for her work in *The Devil Wears Prada*. To find a full list of award winners, visit www.hfpa.org/nominations/index.html.

Almost bigger than the awards themselves is the effort put in by celebrities to look their best. Surfacing the next morning and continuing to be a hit nearly a week after, Web sites like E! Online host polls which allow a viewer to vote “Glam” or “Sham” on stars’ look for the evening.

E! Online comments on Angelina Jolie looking “statuesque” in her strapless gown made by St. John couture while praising Eva Longoria in her navy Emanuel Ungaro gown.

Many students on campus admit to only being interested in the fashion aspect of the award shows.

“My favorite part about awards season is watching the after-shows like ‘Entertainment Tonight’ with the Best and Worst Dressed List,” said Kelsey Sigman, a freshman Busi-

ness Management major.

“I love to see the fashion statements made. I love to watch the stars go down the red carpet and watch what they wear,” said Amber Thornton, a senior Social Work major.

If you missed out on the Golden Globes, there are still plenty more awards shows to come that will be honoring last year’s films and music.

The upcoming 49th Annual Grammy Awards will be held on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. CST and will be hosted by Stephen Colbert. The show will take place in Los Angeles and will honor contemporary musical talent. Justin Timberlake, Carrie Underwood, Christina Aguilera, Ludacris and Mary J. Blige are all scheduled to perform at the ceremony, according to the Grammy Organization’s Web site.

The 2007 nomination nods were led by the Red Hot Chili Peppers with six nominations. Following closely behind, the Dixie Chicks, James Blunt, John Mayer, Danger Mouse, Prince, Rick Rubin, will.i.am and John Williams all received five nominations.

Nominees for “Record of the Year” are *Taking the Long Way* by the Dixie Chicks, *St. Elsewhere* by Gnarlz Barkley, *Continuum* by John Mayer, *Stadium Arcadium* by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and *FutureSex/LoveSounds* by Justin Timberlake.

The 79th Annual Academy Awards will be taking place on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. CST.

The nominees for the Academy Awards will be announced on Jan. 23 at 4:30 p.m. CST, according to the Academy’s Website.

The envelope, please. And the winner is...



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The Grammys and the Academy Awards are two of the biggest award shows of the year. The Grammys will air on Feb 11, and the Academy Awards will air on Feb. 25

Sixteen Minutes: Part I



Stephen Outten
www.StephenOutten.com

I really shouldn’t be telling this story. Not to you, anyway. You don’t care about the circumstances of people you’ve never met, of people who just happened to get in way over their heads.

I only care about this story because I care about Anna, the girl in one of these operating rooms who may or may not make it out of here alive. I don’t know if she’s conscious, or if she’s breathing, or if she even knows that we made it to the hospital. What I do know is that her exquisitely frail ninety-five pound body is fighting to stick around, fighting to expel the substances that she herself put into it. I don’t want Anna to stick around long enough to say goodbye to me.

I want her to stick around long enough to tell you this story herself, to show you snapshots of her life from last year, before she left Tennessee for New York. They say that every good story has a beginning. Well this is a bad story, a story that probably shouldn’t be told, a story that won’t appeal to most people. I guess the thing to remember is that bad stories have to start somewhere, too. Either way, I have some time on my hands, and if you’re not going anywhere for a while, I could use the company.

I’ll never forget the day I met her. She was running through Grand Central Sta-

tion. As I was heaving my luggage up onto the train, a blur-of-a young woman ran into me headfirst, knocking my suitcase into the conductor. Through her tangled mass of brown hair, she peered up at me. “Let me on with you.”

“Excuse me?”

Speaking at a near-yell, she said, “Of course I sent my luggage ahead! Now come on, or we’ll be late.” She threw her arm into mine and pushed me onto the train.

“You’re going to need a ticket, you know,” I whispered as we took the first available seats. “They’ll throw you off.”

“I’ll just tell them it’s at Will Call at the next station. That’s where I’m getting off anyway.”

“Do you know what the next station is?”

She shook her head.

“Do you care?”

“The only thing I care about is getting out of here.” She rocked forward, willing the train to move.

It worked. With a loud blast, we began chugging forward, the heads of the people below starting to blend together.

“Why are you in such a hurry to leave?” I asked. “What did you do?”

“It’s not what I’m running from,” she said, glancing out the window. “It’s who I’m running from.”

I threw my gaze in the direction of her slender hand. Mouthing some inaudible message was a young man in Uncle Sam’s Fight Club, dressed in his army greens. “Who is that?” I was afraid of the answer, scared that maybe she had committed some international crime.

She looked at me with a smile I would come to find endearing and said with no sense of remorse, “My fiancé.”

Megan Hannah
& Megan Beam
Staff Writers

The Southeastern Coastal Concert Choir Tour was quite the journey for UTM’s University Singers, New Pacer Singers, and Clarinet Choir.

“The purpose of the tour was two-fold: to expose new and beautiful places to the choir and clarinet choir members, and to expose distant audiences who may not know much about UTM to the character, artistry, and enthusiasm of our students. These goals were achieved many times over,” says Dr. Mark Simmons, Director of Choral Activities at UTM.

A week before the spring term was to begin, 70 vocal performers and clarinetists returned to Martin to rehearse for a tour that would last eight days and cover approximately 2,000 miles.

Under the direction of Dr. Mark Simmons and Dr. Amy Parks Simmons, the professor of Clarinet and Saxophone at UTM, the choirs performed nine times in seven days including both formal performances and appearances at a regional university and church services.

This musical adventure began in Savannah, Ga. at Armstrong Atlantic State University where UTM’s choirs performed for AA-SU’s choral department on the first day of their spring term.

That same day the choirs gave their first formal performance, consisting of 14 selections from the participating ensembles, at Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church of Savannah.

The University Singers began with three American pieces, the first of which was Aaron Copland’s *Zion’s Walls*, a piece with a somewhat traditional melody that evoked a sense of comfort and familiarity with the audience. They continued with *Ave Maria* by David Conte and Alice Parker’s arrangement of *Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal*.

The next piece was certainly an accomplishment for the ensemble, Benjamin Britten’s *Hymn to St. Cecilia*, Op 27, lyrics set by the infamous W.H. Auden. This piece featured soloists Erin Horton and Sarah Jenkins, sopranos, alto Kim Kraft, tenor Sean Campbell, and bass Chris Buckner. Britten’s *Hymn* speaks both mu-



SAMANTHA LAWLEY/ UTM Choir

The UTM Choir performed at the First Baptist Church of Charleston, S.C., during its recent coastal tour.

sically and lyrically of the loss or gradual movement away from a certain child-like innocence. *Hirtenchor (Shepard’s Chorus) from Rosamunde*, a composition of Franz Schubert’s, ended this part of the concert.

Dr. Amy Simmons accompanied the choir on clarinet, as did pianist, Delana Easley.

The first set change allowed for the University Singers to leave the stage area and make room for the New Pacer Singers, who opened their portion of the concert with selections from Jenny McLeod’s *Childhood*. The piece in 10 movements depicts with a certain unique expression the daily experiences and imaginations of a young boy, first waking up to a beautiful morning in Movement I and being sung into a sweet sleep by his mother in Movement X.

The ensemble then followed *Childhood* with *Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine*, a composition by the young American composer, Eric Whitacre. In this piece, the audience is taken on a musical journey to the time of Leonardo daVinci and the dreams this brilliant mind had of human flight. Soloists featured in this piece were soprano Erin Horton and tenor Matthew Cook.

The small choir then closed their portion with a satirical selection of pieces by Paul Sjölund titled *Love Lost*.

The Clarinet Choir was next to present. Consisting of 12 performers and playing on various types of clarinets, the choir opened with a smaller ensemble of six performers playing Henry Davis’ arrangement of P.I. Tchaikovsky’s *Danse Des Mirlitons* from *The Nutcracker Suite*. The excitement from this piece flowed to the next as the entire Clarinet Choir performed P.I. Tchaikovsky’s *The Nutcracker Suite: Trepak* arranged by Lloyd Conley. *Gypsy Dance* from *Carmen* by Georges Bizet was the spirited and excellently executed conclusion to this portion of the evening’s concert.

Finally, The University Singers return to the stage to sing *Deep River* and *Elijah Rock*, two spirituals by the late American composer, Moses Hogan. The piece chosen to send a farewell to the audiences was one dear to the hearts of the choir members and director, *How Can I Keep from Singing*, an arrangement by Ronald Staheli.

The selection opened with a most sentimental solo by soprano and graduating senior, Rosalyn Lake.

As the choir joined with her, each part with an individual melody that somehow made a perfect whole, the audience was stilled in each performance, frozen in the passionate expression from each member of the ensemble.

With each word sung and

every breath taken during the last five minutes of the concert, UTM’s University Singers were able to express exactly what kind of growth their musical experiences have allowed them to understand. And for a brief moment, the audience was a part of that understanding, too.

With the final cutoff, the simple chord resounded off the walls of the church. The sound stayed in the air as a shadow of the beautiful music that was just brought to life there and filled the sanctuary with a sense of peace.

This concert was performed again in several more locations: The First Baptist Church of Charleston, S.C., the First Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach, Lowman Home of Chapin, S.C., Bethel Lutheran Church of Irmo, S.C., and Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C.

The tour was extensive, but resulted in introducing an entire region to the artistic growth occurring in West Tennessee.

The choirs were proud to be able to share what they felt was a wonderfully beautiful expression of art in music.

“Time and again audiences commented on the quality of performances and the professionalism of the ensembles. I could not be more proud of the students. They represented the very best characteristics of our university,” said Simmons.

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Of the current celebrity fights, Rosie was right

Rachel Rogers
Arts and Entertainment
Editor

Some may label me an angry feminist. And you know what? They'd be right.

However, that has no bearing on my take on the whole Rosie-Trump thing. Rosie O'Donnell was quite right in saying that Donald Trump is not the moral compass for young people in this country. How many times has he been married now? Three? Four? And wasn't one of his wives not much older than his daughter?

Let's not forget about Trump's comeback. He's been quoted as calling Rosie a "fat cow" and other such names. Then he gets Barbara Walters mixed into things by saying that she said all these awful things about her co-worker.

Do you know what this reminds me of? Elementary school. I think the last time I resorted to name calling and trying to turn my enemy's friends against them was, oh, about fourth grade.

Face it, Trump. You've lost face big time. You screwed up. If you had just kept quiet, or had launched an intelligent couterattack, things might have come out differently. But honestly. Fat cow? That's not going to win you any sympathy whatsoever.

Why are we so fascinated with things celebrities say and do to each other? We might see a couple fighting in a restaurant and be curious about what's going on (and, if you're like me, eavesdrop on), but we don't spend weeks plastering it on the cover of every

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major newspaper and news network. Anderson Cooper or Don King does not invite them to come on their show and talk about their feud.

I guess we shouldn't be too surprised. It seems as though Donald Trump just has people issues. Remember his spat with Martha Stewart? And the latest news is that the Florida town where he has a club because his flagpole is too tall. He refuses to take it down, so now their fining him. And then he says that he refuses to pay the fine! Now, I've never met the Donald personally, but it seems as though he's just digging a deeper hole for himself.

Another feud that has been capturing the world's attention is the "Celebrity Big Brother" scandal. I have never watched reality shows. My reality is crazy enough without worrying about what "Survivor" is planning to do to another one so that they'll get voted off the island. But this is one feud that pretty much no one can ignore.

Shipla Shetty, a mjaor Bollywood actress who was one of the celebrities selected to be on the new season of "Big Brother" has been bullied by some fellow female housemates. Included in the harrasment were names like "the Indian," and being told that she should "f*** off home. She can't even speak English."

I was glad to see that this caused such an uproar. Being in the 21st century, one would hope that racism has become a thing of the past. While I'm not so naive as to think this is true, I've been

of the mindset that it was not something you did out in public. And this incident has just set my thinking back by a couple of years.

Granted, the housemates were being monitored 24 hours every day. Every move they made and every word they said were recorded for the whole world to see. I suppose it would be easy to forget that you were being watched and say something nasty. But still! One time would've been forgivable. But saying these things over and over is not such a good thing.

Yes, I was excited to see that Jade Goody got voted off. I was even more happy about the fact that she got voted after I read what I thought was a rather pathetic excuse for an apology. And I hope that the other girl gets the boot next! Heck, it might even make me watch the show.

I salute these two women for standing up for themselves and not letting things that an angry Donald Trump says get them down. I've been following the Rosie-Trump feud since the beginning and have been behind her every step of the way. And now I find myself cheering for Shipa as well. Maybe that is the angry feminisim coming into play, but oh well. I'm sure many other people will agree with me on this.

I guess my point in all of this rambling is this: we watch simply because we're fascinated by the rich and famous. If it wasn't for the antics of these starlets, especially their fights, the conversations at the water cooler would be a lot less interesting.

Bevy of concerts coming to UTM

Staff Reports

The UTM Department of Music's annual Montage Concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of Fine Arts Building.

The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, chamber groups and large ensembles.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at 731-881-7412 or marks@utm.edu.

Dr. Mark Simmons, director of choral activities at UTM, will conduct a mass choir performance at "Festival of Choirs," 7:30 p.m, Feb. 27, at the Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center.

This event will feature

choirs from West Tennessee colleges and universities. Each choir will perform two songs, and all will unite as a mass choir to perform "Choose Something Like a Star," by Randall Thompson.

Simmons will conduct the performance.

"Festival of Choirs," produced by the West Tennessee Higher Education Consortium, is free and open to the public, but tickets are required.

Tickets will be available beginning Jan. 22 at the Dixie. For tickets, visit or call the Dixie Box Office. The regular hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Phone reservations can be made at 986-2100, but tickets will be held at will call, and none will be mailed.

Participating schools include: UTM, Union University, Lambuth University,

Jackson State Community College, Bethel College, Freed-Hardeman University, Dyersburg State Community College and University of Memphis.

For more information, contact the Dixie at 986-2100.

High school students from across the state will participate in Honor Choir, a two-day event sponsored by the UTM Department of Music. This year's event will feature an honor choir of 75 students and a 165-member festival choir.

Both groups will be under the direction of UTM faculty and will perform a concert at 2 p.m., Feb. 3, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of Fine Arts Building.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is \$4 and \$2 for students and seniors.

For more information, contact Mark Simmons at 881-7412 or marks@utm.edu.

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| 2. <i>Night at the Museum</i> | \$13,000,000 | \$205, 840,000 |
| 3. <i>Dreamgirls</i> | \$8,711,000 | \$78,118,000 |
| 4. <i>The Hitcher</i> | \$8,234,000 | \$8,234,000 |
| 5. <i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i> | \$6,700,000 | \$146,511,000 |
| 6. <i>Freedom Writers</i> | \$5,564,000 | \$26,882,000 |
| 7. <i>Pan's Labyrinth</i> | \$4,725,000 | \$10,155,000 |
| 8. <i>The Queen</i> | \$3,700,000 | \$35,857,000 |
| 9. <i>Children of Men</i> | \$3,700,000 | \$27,481,000 |
| 10. <i>Arthur and the Invisibles</i> | \$3,105,000 | \$9,296,000 |
| 11. <i>Alpha Dog</i> | \$2,900,000 | \$11,697,000 |



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From the Geek Corner

Skype not entirely
safe for campus use

Occasionally in journalism, writers will compose a story that heralds the benefits of certain products that are helpful only under certain conditions without considering the negative aspects the product could hold for a large audience. This is particularly true for technology, where some products that are beneficial to some may be disastrous when used by many.

In my last column, I wrote about using Skype for voice and video conferencing and how the UTM Instructional Technology Center staff had tested the software before Christmas break. In so doing, I inadvertently forced a connection between UT Martin's Information Technology Services (of which the Instructional Technology Center is a division) and Skype. Allow me to clarify here that no such connection exists and that ITS does not endorse the use of Skype to UTM's students.

Andy Rivers, UTM Information Technology Services security administrator, said Skype is a good product for home users but presents serious issues for businesses and large institutions.

"Skype operates on a peer-to-peer network, meaning that all system resources used are shared among users," Rivers said. "Skype assigns the local computer running its program to one of three roles: a super node, a relay host or a client peer node."

Rivers explained that every time a Skype call is made, the calling computer gets the location of the receiving computer from a super node. This could be



Matt Cook
Technical
Editor

any Skype user's computer; users are not given the option of choosing which of the three roles their computer plays. Skype assigns the roles based on users' computer specifications and Internet connection speed.

The call then goes through other computers being used as relays before it is finally received by the other client. This means that relay host computers carry voice, video or text information for calls from other users. Although this happens in a matter of milliseconds, computers that are being used as super nodes and relays will have some of their system resources tied up any time they are logged on to Skype.

Individual users are not greatly affected by the system of nodes and relays because Skype limits the amount of information that each computer processes in terms of Kilobytes per second. However, institutions such as UTM that have large amounts of bandwidth and computer processing power can also be used as super nodes and relays, thereby limiting their ability to perform every day functions for students, faculty and others.

Another major security issue is the use of the voice mail system. Because the peer-to-peer network elim

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Web site of the week

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A great aspect of the internet these days is the opportunities for discovering great new music. Since before MySpace, music indie bands have been able to get their tunes out to the masses. So digging around for music can yield very positive results.

However, the biggest problem with all of this is that the internet is a huge place, and bands can be tough to find even when you are keeping an eye out for them. Fortunately, for all the music aficionados out there, a new Web site has made finding and exploring new music easier than ever before.

The site is called iJigg.com. For those who are familiar with Digg.com, this site is set up the same way. A list of music appears on the main page, which is playable from the page. All you have to do is listen, and if you like what you hear, click the side link "jigg it" to vote up the music.

In essence, what you get is a list of great music that people just like you have decided is worthy through the voting system, to be heard by the masses.

Also, the iJigg has a social

network type feel to it. Not only can you listen to songs, but you can talk about your favorites with other users as well. The site offers a list of the most talked about music on their main page, as well. This way you are sure to find something you like, and you can get everyone else's take on the song.

Another great feature offered by iJigg.com is the ability to select a specific genre. There is a list of 21 different genres ranging from alternative to comedy to medal and everything in between.

The only problem that I have seen is that there are no links to any Web sites for these bands. So if I want to buy a great song that I hear, a Google search is required for me to find the group I am interested in. Beyond that, this Web site is a great find.

Certainly there are other social music aggregation Web sites out there, but iJigg is definitely on the top of the list. Music has never been easier to discover. So head over to the site now and you might find the next big band and then tell all of your friends, "Yeah, I've been listening to them way before they hit it big." We all like to be elitist with our music from time to time.

New Windows Vista:
Updated features, fewer flaws



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Technical Editor

When Microsoft released its Business Edition of Windows Vista in November 2006, very few people found reason for excitement. However, in exactly one week – when Microsoft releases both pre-installed and out-of-the-box versions of Windows Vista – many computer retail stores expect to see a crowd.

One Best Buy sales associate in Jackson said, "As of right now, we are going to be redoing the floor that night to prepare for [the Vista release] and we do expect a lot of traffic the next day."

What exactly do users have to look forward to in the latest operating system from Microsoft?

For one, stylishly good looks. Anyone who has seen the Vista TV and Internet ads knows that features such as Windows Flip3D navigation, Aero – Vista's glass-like interface – and live thumbnails of windows

in the task bar appear to be pretty slick.

Other features to look for in Vista include a much improved Windows Update system that keeps itself up-to-date without requiring anything from users. Parental controls have also been beefed up to help parents combat the use of computers for pornography and other harmful content by their children.

As is true for most any new operating system release, the software has to include either a new or updated media suite. Vista is no different, tossing Windows Media Player 11 into a world dominated by iTunes. Vista also includes a photo gallery that should improve greatly on Windows Picture and Fax Viewer.

One final feature to be impressed with – surprisingly – is security. Microsoft operating systems are notorious for lagging behind in the field of security when compared to Macintosh and Linux based machines, but Vista includes a two-way

firewall as well as advanced data encryption and control over user accounts to help improve security.

These features contribute to the overall experience users have to look forward to in Windows Vista, but also run up the system requirements for computers running the operating system. Microsoft.com lists recommended specifications that include a 1 GHz (32- or 64-bit) processor, 1 GB of memory, a graphics card that supports DirectX 9 with a minimum 128 MB of graphics memory and a hard drive with a minimum of 40 GB of storage. Installing Windows Vista will take up 15 GB alone.

Given the potential expense of upgrading to Vista – both software and hardware – Windows users should carefully consider when they want to upgrade and which version of Vista they want to buy. The versions currently slated for release this month are the Home Basic, Home Premium and Ultimate edi-

tions. Business edition was release in November, 2006.

Potential buyers might think that Microsoft is being overly complicated with four versions of what is essentially the same operating system, but the reality is that computers are used for multiple tasks by a wide variety of people.

With that in mind, buyers should consider if they want only a limited edition without the graphics-heavy taxation on system requirements (Home Basic) or if they want more graphics, security and functionality (Home Premium or Ultimate.) Some of the features mentioned above come only on certain versions, so buyers should consult www.windowsvista.com for a list of which features come on which version.

Windows Vista may only slowly replace Windows XP as less support and software is available for XP, but eventually the world can expect to see "Powered by Windows Vista" posted everywhere.

Apple to release new phone in June

Jobs outlines new product, features at Macworld Expo 2007

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Staff Writer

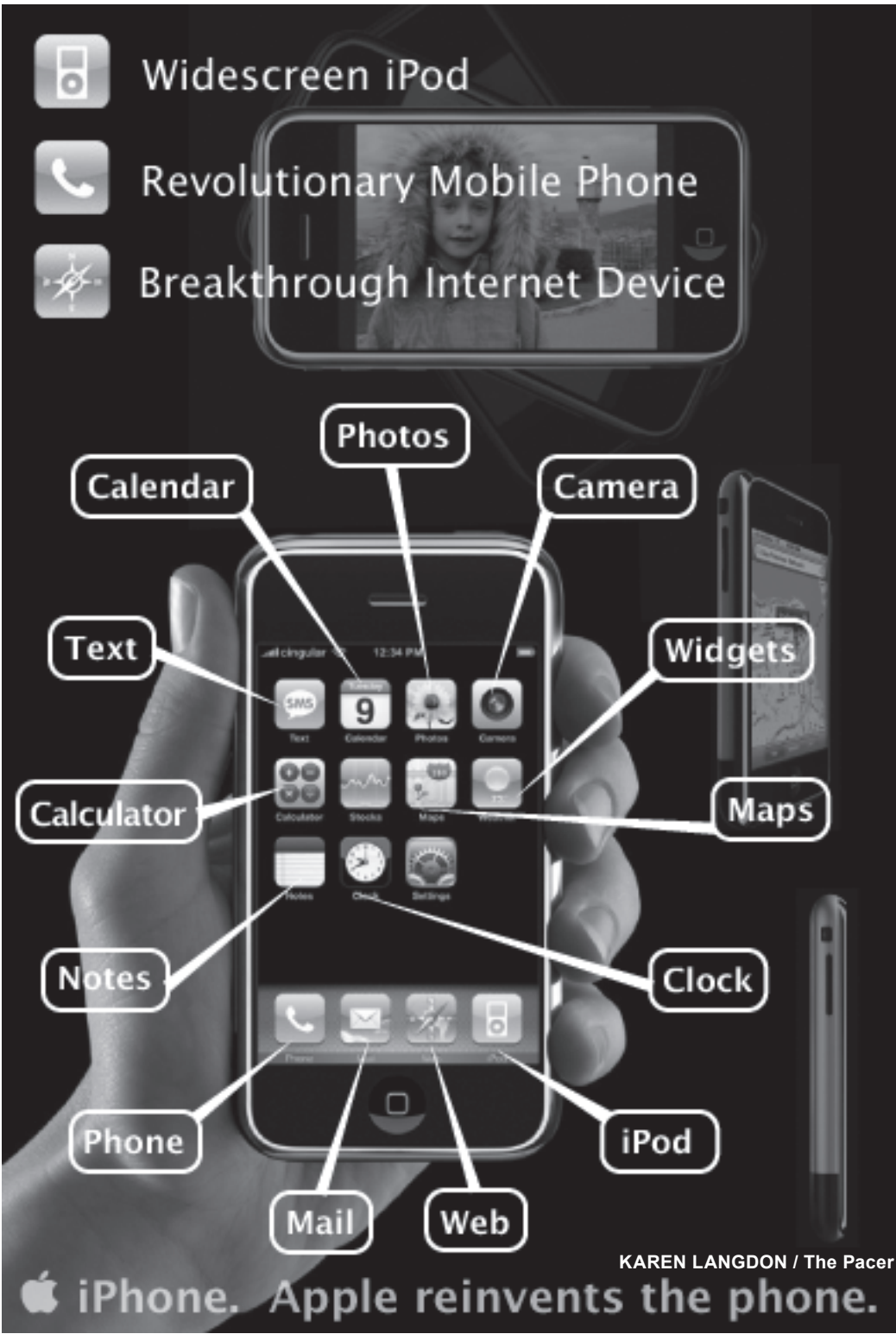
"A widescreen iPod with touch controls, a revolutionary mobile phone and a breakthrough internet communications device - an iPod, a phone and an internet communicator. Are you getting it? These are not three separate devices. This is one device. And we are calling it iPhone."

When Apple CEO Steve Jobs made this announcement public in his Keynote presentation at Macworld Expo 2007, a thunderous applause rose from the audience. Apple's newest product, slated to hit store shelves in June, is like no other phone you have ever seen. Let's take a look at what makes iPhone so impressive.

For starters, iPhone features an incredible new user interface. Apple has created and patented an incredible new multi-touch technology that allows the user to control everything with only the use of a finger or two to the screen. This also means that the iPhone uses a QWERTY soft keyboard to type right on the screen rather than a typical, hard-to-use plastic variety.

The iPhone is a widescreen iPod, so all of your music, audio books, photos, TV shows and movies are in the palm of your hand. As Jobs says, "You can touch your music."

Browsing through your music library is easier than



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UTM online services, email to require more difficult passwords

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What is the name of the dog you had when you were two? What is your mother's maiden name? What time were you born? What does *%\$#@(-?) mean for you? T h e s e questions combined will now be the inspiration for many student passwords on this campus as a means of protecting their personal information from would-be hackers.

The first step to password protection is to never write it down or share it with anyone. Regardless of the difficult nature of a password, users should always select one that would allow them to remember without having to refer to a note each time they need to use it. This action will open up the door for people in dorms or computer labs to notice your password along with your user name and use it at their discretion to do whatever evils they feel like doing at their leisure. "I recommend a catch phrase to help people remember their new passwords," said Shannon Burgin, Director of Information Technology Services. Burgin explained that "one fish two fish red fish blue fish" could be ()F2f12Fbf. Students can access the

Password Policies link on the <http://security.utm.edu> site.

Using a memory aide like a mnemonic can be beneficial for student use whenever selecting a good, steroid-laden password.

The great thing about this password change is that because of the myUT-Martin Portal, students have easier means of changing their passwords, according to Burgin.

According to the university password policy from October 2006, a "strong password" is recommended for all faculty, staff and students for their personal use on accessing information in the UT network.

At least three out of the four following criteria for these strong passwords should be met in order to be considered a strong password:

- At least one numeric character
- At least one special character, for example !@#%\$^&*()
- At least one lower case character
- At least one upper case character

The password must be a minimum of 8 characters.

Where are students supposed to come up with original material for their individual portal passwords? Movie titles, song titles, favorite places and the like are all great

resources to utilize whenever choosing the best password. Personal preference is always a safe bet because it ensures that recall of the password will be an easy task.

Once the password has been changed to something easy to remember, students can rest a little easier, knowing that it would be quite a challenge for hackers to get into their private course records, transcripts, mailing information and other pertinent information that could be used to steal their identity.

That being said, whenever a student changes their password and perhaps forgets it, what should a student do if they lose or forget their new password?

"The help desk is the initial source of help for students because they can do a blind reset to the password. This reset will allow the student to get back into their portal and change it," said Burgin.

Whenever shopping, banking, paying bills online, or joining social networking sites like MySpace or Facebook, Burgin recommends that students implement these criteria for those passwords as well. "It would be beneficial to use and a good practice to protecting yourself online," said Burgin.

Tenn. behind in broadband usage per household, Task Force says

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The Tennessee Broadband Task Force has spent much of the past six months studying the availability of high-speed internet, or broadband, to Tennesseans.

The task force recently released a report which determined that Tennessee ranks 37th in the United States for broadband usage.

"This world is becoming divided into the wired and the fired - those with broadband lines and those in unemployment lines," said the task force co-chair, Sen. Roy Herron of Dresden.

Only one in four Tennessee households subscribe to broadband services, the report stated. In Tennessee, broadband service is usually provided by local phone companies, such as Bell South, or cable television providers. The task force recommends increasing the number of broadband providers to drive competition.

"The current level of broadband adoption in Tennessee is unaccept-

able," said Pat Miller, director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and task force member.

According to the report, teaching Tennesseans about the benefits of broadband is just as important as increases its availability.

The report stated that "Tennesseans need to be educated about the benefits of broadband technology ... Tennessee needs to make a purposeful effort to serve rural areas with broadband service. Until that occurs, Tennessee will lose ground - and jobs and educational opportunities - to states willing to make that commitment."

The Task Force called for a public-private partnership to develop a state-wide plan to promote broadband availability and usage, similar to the ConnectKentucky program, which reportedly raised broadband usage from 60 percent of that state's households to 90 percent by the end of 2006.

The ConnectKentucky program operated, according to the task force report, by gathering data of broadband availability by coop-

erating with providers of the service to determine where broadband was available in the state. After this data was collected, ConnectKentucky could identify areas that were not served and educate these communities about broadband value, therefore raising demand and making the areas more attractive to broadband service providers.

"Every Tennessee home and business should have access to broadband service," said Rep. Mark Maddox, Dresden, who co-chaired the task force with Herron.

The task force's report included the following recommendations for improving Tennessee's standing in broadband availability and usage:

- Establish a program that promotes access to broadband service in every home and business.
- Identify and coordinate state efforts toward expanding broadband deployment and usage.
- Establish a public-private partnership similar to ConnectKentucky.
- Expand policies to promote competition.

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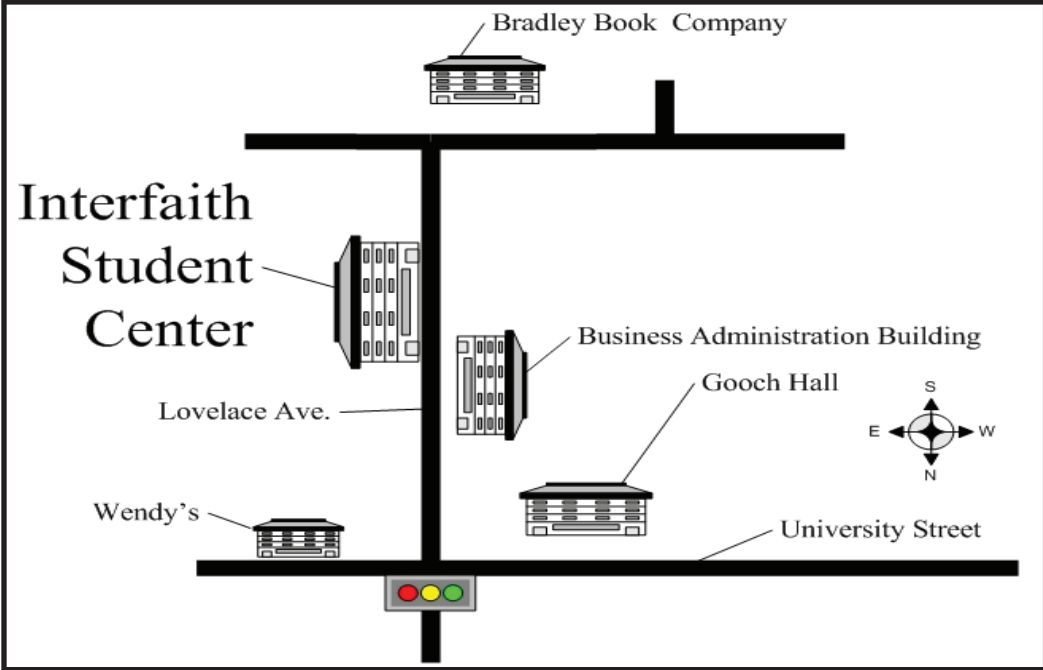
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A Different Spring Break

Come by the Interfaith Student Center at 312 Lovelace Ave. on Thursday January 25th at 6pm for a free meal and to learn about a chance to help rebuild homes on the Gulf Coast over Spring Break. All UTM students are welcome.



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inates the need for a centralized Skype file server, any time a voice mail is left for a user it is recorded on his or her computer instead of being left on a server for retrieval. A person who knew how to retrieve this file could access it directly from the computer the Skype user last visited. As is true for almost all software available today, Skype has its pros and cons. Users should not be afraid to use the software because of the peer-to-peer process or the voicemail security issue, but should

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ever with just the flick of a finger. Photos can be viewed and videos watched in either landscape or portrait mode on the 3.5 inch widescreen display. Or, if you change your mind halfway through, just flip the iPhone sideways and the image will automatically rotate, thanks to iPhone's built-in accelerometer. Of course, iPhone is also a mobile phone. All of your contacts can be automatically synced from your Mac, PC, or Internet service, and making a call is as easy as touching a name or number in your address book. Apple has chosen Cingular as iPhone's sole provider, because they are the most popular network among users in the United States with 58 million subscribers. Cingular has also worked with Apple to create a never before seen feature known as Visual Voicemail, which allows the user to go directly to any message without listening to prior messages. An SMS application makes use of the QWERTY keyboard and also prevents and corrects mistakes. Now for the news that should make any Mac user ecstatic: iPhone runs OS X. Unlike the watered-down operating systems found on other smart phones, OS X provides iPhone users access to desktop-class applications such as wid-

gets, calendar, Notes and Address Book. And the icing on the cake - iPhone is fully multi-tasking, so users can browse the web while listening to a favorite song and downloading a couple pictures in the background if they felt like it.

And about the Internet browser - it's Safari. Wave goodbye to the bits and pieces of Web pages you could view on the so-called browsers of the past because Safari is the real deal. You can look at the entire pages at once or use multi-touch to zoom in on whatever catches your eye.

iPhone also uses a rich HTML email client that can fetch email from most services and can display pictures and other content right along with text. Another useful application is iPhone's Maps. Apple has worked with Google Maps to provide you with satellite images, directions and traffic information for just about anywhere in the world.

Now that you have a general idea of what the iPhone is all about, here are a couple of technical specs. We've already mentioned the amazing multi-touch technology, QWERTY soft keyboard, OS X and accelerometer. The iPhone also has a built-in proximity sensor that detects when iPhone is lifted to your ear and turns off the display

keep them in mind and use the software responsibly. While not as good for use on a campus wide basis or in a business setting, Skype is still a very successful method of communicating from home computers on a personal level.

to save power and prevent accidental touches and an ambient light sensor that automatically adjusts the brightness of the display to the appropriate level. And by the way, iPhone also has a 2-mega pixel camera for all those cool shots you'll want to take. The iPhone has some great wireless capabilities such as broadband-speed browsing using Wi-Fi, Cingular's EDGE network for internet access and data transfers and Bluetooth 2.0, which links to Apple's new compact headset.

Battery life is up to 5 hours for talking, videos and browsing and up to 16 hours for audio playback. iPhone comes in both a 4GB and 8GB model, both of which cram all these awesome features into a 4.8 ounce package and are priced at \$499 and \$599. So there's your overview - and we've only just scratched the surface! If you'd like to find out more about the iPhone before its release in June, check out Apple's website (www.apple.com) for updates and a QuickTime video of a detailed Keynote presentation. Be sure to sign up for an iPhone newsletter email to stay in the loop. I don't know about you, but even though I don't have \$500 to spare, I'm pretty excited about Apple's reinvention of the phone.

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Former Skyhawk star helps Saints to brink of Super Bowl

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Assistant Sports Editor

Last night's NFC Championship game saw the host Chicago Bears dominate a bitter cold battle with the New Orleans Saints and punch their ticket to Super Bowl XLI.

The 39-14 loss ended the Saints 2006 season but did not discredit the effort former UTM standout Fred Thomas and his teammates made to get to that point.

As a representative for the entire displaced Gulf region following Hurricane Katrina, the Saints were coined as "America's Team" throughout the season.

Pre-season predictions did not forecast the Saints to even come close to reaching the playoffs, much less winning their NFC South division and making it within one win of the Super Bowl.

Thomas, a Mississippi native, has deep ties to the Gulf States like so many of his Saints teammates. Their over-achieving, spirited effort this season was sparked by the rebuilding of the city of New Orleans and returning the Saints back to their home Superdome which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

As reports throughout the playoffs mentioned Thomas playing less than full strength due to nagging injuries, Bears quarterback Rex Grossman seemed to intentionally target the receivers in Thomas' direction in hopes for an easy score. The strategy seemed to work as one of Grossman's throws found the arms of receiver Bernard Berrian in the end zone, just beyond the coverage of Thomas. Despite allowing the score to Berrian, Thomas made his presence felt in the game by recording three tackles.

Thomas was an All-OVC Conference first team selection in 1995. He recorded 69 tackles and had four interceptions, three of which came in the first half against Tennessee State. He was drafted in the second round by the Seattle Seahawks in 1995 and was later signed by the Saints in 2000.

He is now an 11-year NFL veteran. He has started 62 games since 2001 and has been among the Saints' most consistent and productive defenders. Thomas led the Saints in passes defended each season from 2001-03 as well as in 2005.

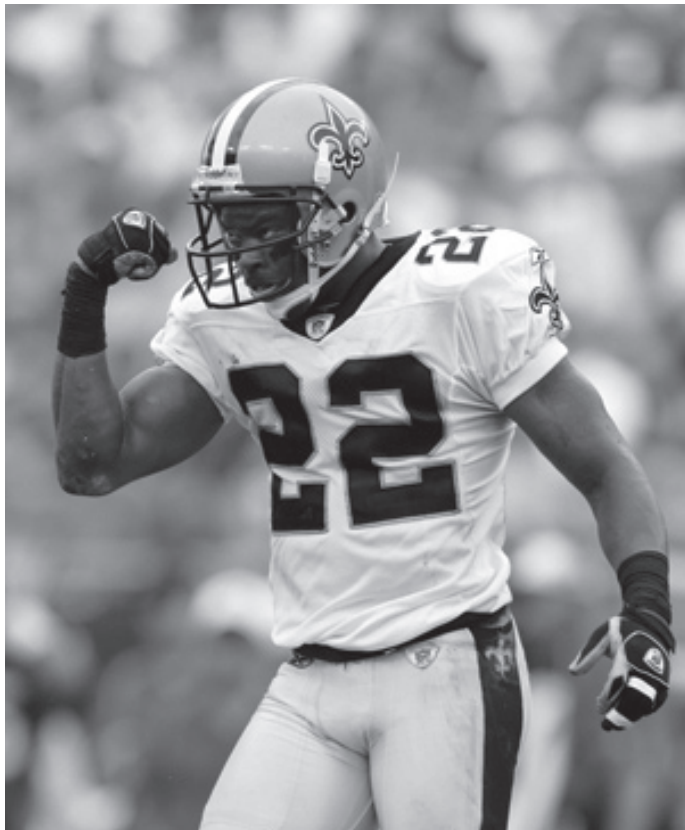
He was named to Sports Illustrated 2002 All-Pro team and he was recognized by his teammates as the recipient of the 2002 Ed Block Courage Award for playing most of the year with a cast on his left hand.



Michael C. Hebert/ New Orleans Saints

Above: Former UTM football standout Fred Thomas, currently a cornerback for the New Orleans Saints, awaits the result of the opening coin toss at the start of Sunday's NFC Championship game against the Chicago Bears.

Right: Thomas poses after making a defensive play during a game this season. Thomas and the Saints captured the hearts of a rebuilding city in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina by going on an amazing run during the 2006 NFL season. One year after finishing 3-13 and missing the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, the team went 10-6 in 2006 and just missed a Super Bowl berth with its loss Sunday to the Bears.



This year Thomas played in 13 games and recorded 48 tackles and one interception. He also defended 10 passes. Thomas and the Saints will look to build on their 11-7 season and return as more than just a fan favorite in NFC next year. The Saints are the first team in NFL history to advance to the conference championship game after losing 13 or more games the previous season.

Anoka finds niche on hardwood, soft field for Skyhawks

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor



Trevor Ruszkowski/ UTM Sports Information

Skyhawk guard Dexter Anoka takes a jump shot during a recent game. Anoka, who helped lead the Skyhawk football team to a 9-3 record while splitting time at quarterback with fellow freshman Greg Preston, is among the team leaders in three-point accuracy on the hardwood. He has provided needed depth at the point guard spot for a team that has struggled with turnovers lately.

After helping to lead the Skyhawk football team to a share of a conference championship and a playoff appearance, Dexter Anoka is taking his game from the gridiron to the hardwood.

Anoka and football teammate Bryant Craig have found spots on the men's basketball team as walk-ons for the current season.

Craig, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound freshman guard from Memphis is also making the switch from football for the basketball season.

As a prep star at Craigmont High School in Memphis, Craig played football and basketball and ran track. He earned Best of the Preps honors from the Memphis *Commercial Appeal* as a senior and was a member of the Chiefs' state champion 4 X 100 relay team.

The 5-foot-10, 165-pound Anoka, who passed for 422 yards and rushed for an additional 188 yards this season for the Skyhawk football team, now finds himself calling plays of a different kind as a point guard.

The transition theoretically is a smooth one, considering that the quarterback and point guard are both seen as the leaders of the offense.

"The adjustment that I had to make was the speed of the game," says Anoka.

"Physically it is the same. You just have to prepare your body."

Anoka appears to be making the adjustment without a hitch as he is among the team leaders in 3-point shooting at nearly 36 percent.

The Atlanta native is averaging 1.6 points in 8.2 minutes per game this season.

Besides football and basketball, Anoka also starred for the track team at Atlanta's Banneker High School, earning several individual honors in the process. On the court, he earned all-conference honors as a guard.

Now that he has reached college, Anoka is happy to have the opportunity to participate in both basketball and football.

"I think it is a blessing to be able to play two sports on a college level and I love them both."

- Dexter Anoka

"I think it is a blessing to be able to play two sports on a college level and I love them both," he says.

"I am just happy that the coaches have given me an opportunity to do both."

Once his high school days came to an end, Anoka faced the task of deciding where he would attend college and continue his athletic career.

After considering several schools, including Georgia Southern, UAB, MTSU and Grambling State, Anoka settled on UTM.

Despite the number of schools that pursued him, the final decision turned out to be easy for Anoka.

"Coach Simpson was the biggest influence. He said I would have a shot to play, so I came to UTM," he says.

Family has always been a large part of Anoka's life. He is one of three children with him, Dexter's older brother has been his most influential role model in his life.

"My brother taught me how to be a man and how to be a responsible person," he says.

Anoka's bond with his siblings became even more close shortly after he graduated from high school.

It was then that Dexter lost the most important person in his life when his mother passed away.

Although she is no longer physically with him, Dexter's mother lives on in his heart and spurs him on.

"The one thing that most people don't know about me is that my mother died right after I graduated from high school and she never got to see me play college sports," he says.

Besides allowing him to focus on happier things, playing college basketball and football have had additional meaning for Anoka.

"I love being able to do something at the highest level of competition and playing in front of my peers," he says.

Anoka has put on quite a show for them this season as he used his unique speed to rush for many first downs and touchdowns on the football field while eluding the grasp of would-be tacklers.

He has brought the same speed and explosiveness to the basketball court despite often being the shortest player on the floor.

In spite of his many athletic accomplishments, Anoka has larger aspirations for his life. Eventually, he hopes to have the responsibility of protecting the President of the United States of America.

"First I would like to see how far I can go with sports and then become a member of the Secret Service," he says.

For a young man of Anoka's determination and character, that goal is one that seems to be well within reach.

Until then, however, he will be content to continue dazzling audiences with his play on the football field and the basketball court.

The Skyhawks are currently 5-16 overall, including a 3-8 mark in Ohio Valley Conference play.

The team will return to action on Thursday when they play host to OVC foe Samford at 7:30 p.m. The Bulldogs are currently in second place in the conference with an 8-2 record, just a half game behind leader Austin Peay.

Following the game against the Bulldogs, the Skyhawks will welcome Jacksonville State to the Elam Center for a 6 p.m. contest on Saturday.

The Skyhawks beat the Gamecocks on the road on Dec. 5 by a 70-69 score.

Quarterback changes color of feathers with flight from Gamecocks to Skyhawk territory

Zane Gresback
Assistant Sports Editor

One of Steve Spurrier's first recruited quarterbacks to South Carolina will finish his career back in his home state and at UTM. Maryville native Cade Thompson spent the last two seasons under the pass friendly tutelage of "the old ball coach" at South Carolina and will bring a gun slinger mentality to Jason Simpson's offense. "The coach there (at UTM) likes to throw it. I'm hoping it gives me a chance to throw the ball around a little bit," Thompson told Maryville's *The Daily Times*. UTM will go into the 2007 season as the defending OVC champions and will try to have their third consecutive winning season. The winning trend is one of the reasons Thompson decided to transfer. Thompson has three years of eligibility left and will be able to play immediately. NCAA rules permit Thompson to retain full eligibility because he is transferring to play for a Division I-AA school. When asked by Knoxville's *News Sentinel* about playing right away, Thompson said, "There's no guarantees, but that's

what I'd like to do." The 6-foot-2, 183-pound Thompson put up astounding numbers in high school. He was 43-1 as a starter for Maryville High and led the Rebels to a pair of 4A state crowns. Throwing for 2,475 yards, 33 touchdowns and only four interceptions his senior year won him the 2004 Class 4A Mr. Football and made him quite the coveted college recruit. Thompson first committed to North Carolina but ended up as a member of Spurrier's first recruiting class at South Carolina. Spurrier returned to college coaching after a disappointing and much criticized stint as head coach of the Washington Redskins. After redshirting his first year, Thompson saw action in only two games this season and completed just one pass for four yards. He sat and watched as veteran Blake Mitchell and do-it-all athlete Syvelle Newton split time under center. Thompson gave the *News Sentinel* many reasons why he is happy to join the Skyhawks. "I like the campus; it's a pretty good-sized school and I like the coaches a lot," Thompson said. "There's a bunch of good things going on there right now."

Enrollment: Continued from Cover

available to non-traditional students over the age of 25. They are not eligible for it their first semester, but must meet the GPA standards stated above. Once these students acquire the needed GPA they will receive the same benefits. If you would like to voice your opinion about the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship, you can contact Legislature, by sending a letter to 404 James Robertson Parkway Suite 1510, Parkway Towers Nashville, TN 37243-0820. The lottery scholarship has definitely helped UTM improve its admission numbers. "The lottery scholarship has opened the doors for many diverse individuals, who have brought so much more to our campus," stated Senior Psychology major, Casey Jackson. The lottery scholarship has also led to a substantial increase in UTM's enrollment. On January 16, the enrollment for this semester was 6,180. Last semester on the same date, enrollment was 6,009. So, we are growing, but Judy Rayburn, Director of Admissions, estimated that the senior class was the largest and the juniors

Reese: Continued from Cover

ognizing Jerry Reese as absolutely the appropriate person to be the general manager of the New York Football Giants, starting today and for many, many years to come," said Tisch. Reese will conduct the team's player draft in April and work closely with Giant's head coach Tom Coughlin, who was criticized for the Giant's disappointing finish to the 2006 season. "I'm looking forward very much to work-

make up the smallest class. The Office of Admissions also said that Applications for summer and fall admission have also increased by 10 percent over the same period last year. This is the fourth consecutive year that application numbers have increased. Reports show that by January 1, 2007, 1,809 students had applied for admission to UTM. This is up from the 1,644 prospective students that applied by this date in 2006. "There's no doubt the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship program is playing a significant role in students choosing to attend UTM and stay in Tennessee," said Judy Rayburn, UTM director of admissions. However, Rayburn does not feel that this is the only reason students are planning to attend UTM. "The number of applications also has increased simply because UT Martin offers features and services students want," said Rayburn. "We think students tend to make their decisions based on a school's atmosphere."

ing with him," Coughlin said. Reese is aware of the great responsibility his new position requires and what his hiring means. "Not to sound cliché, but I really feel like it's my time to carry the torch," Reese said. "Many people went before me who suffered through this process and now it's my time. I'm looking forward to this challenge."

MTV: Continued from Cover

transfer to another school." Parker added she hopes 50 percent of current residents will renew their leases at the event, and that other students would become interested in Martin Place. She said Place Properties is also offering a discount on renewals. Jenna Tippin, marketing specialist for Place Properties, cultivated her relationship with MTV standouts over the past few years, when she worked for Bradford

Place in Bloomington, Ind. Recently, Place Properties bought Bradford Place as part of a multi-property deal, and Tippin began marketing work for Place Properties. "The event is basically a meet-and-greet, and we started looking at cast members from TV shows as a way of attracting college students," Tippin said. She said after this month's eight-property tour, the stars will visit about 25 more properties in April.

French: Continued from Cover

the classes, she recruits more French Club members to help out. Flórido said she hopes attendance continues to grow through this semester, and she wants to incorporate even more interactivity, such as music and food, into the already multicultural mix. While Flórido and the French Club deal with the "academic" end of the workshops, Laura Fieser, wife of UTM Professor Jim Fieser, coordinates the children getting to and from the lessons. "We're always so grateful for any campus-community interaction," Fieser said. "It enriches the children and gives us opportunities the kids wouldn't have otherwise." Fieser added her children have already benefited from the few French lessons they've attended. And

along the way, she might have learned some French too. "My kids have a great time. (My daughter) held up a crayon the other day and said, 'Mom, this crayon says "rouge" on it. That's "red" in French.'" Flórido sends home photocopies of the day's lesson with parents, so they can reinforce vocabulary at home until the next lesson at UTM.

Already, Flórido is considering better ways to reach the students, including breaking them up into groups by age, and her French students are eager to resume the workshop this semester with their favorite young French scholars; the first spring lesson will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Humanities 417.

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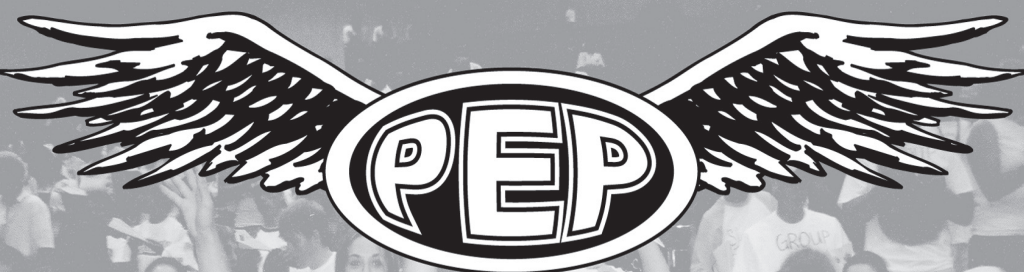
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| JANUARY 20TH | UTC PLACE |
| 2-5PM | 815 UNIVERSITY ST. SUITE # 1000, CHATTANOOGA, TN |
| JANUARY 23RD | WESTERN PLACE |
| 3-6PM | 720 PATTON WAY, BOWLING GREEN, KY. |
| JANUARY 24 | MURRAY PLACE |
| 3-6PM | 1700 LOWES DR., MURRAY KY. |
| JANUARY 25TH | MARTIN PLACE |
| 3-6PM | 237 WEST PEACH ST., MARTIN, TN. |
| JANUARY 27TH | CAPE PLACE |
| 2-5PM | 1710 N. SPRIGG ST., CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. |
| FEBRUARY 3RD | LEGENDS PLACE |
| 2-5PM | 4101 WEST 24TH PL., LAWRENCE, KS. |



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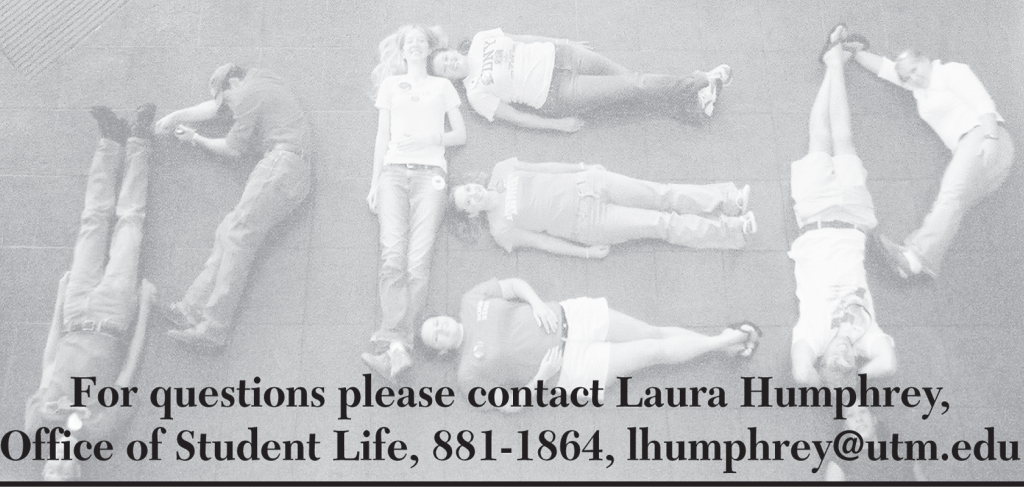
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